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Good morning,

Below is a query received from Stars & Stripes on the SPMAGTF status. From the DRAFT RTQ sent up, I have the following response, but I did not receive it back from CCC-I so requesting concurrence on it before I move forward. I tweaked the response from the RTQ as appropriate.

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I will follow up on the 0915 for guidance.

Very respectfully,

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Good afternoon Gentlemen,

Hoping you will be able to support a response for the below query from Chad Garland at Stripes.

He's trying to get more info on the status of SPMAGTF-CF-AF and SPMAGTF-CR-CC.

Thanks in advance for the help on this one.

V/r,

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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stars and Stripes Inquiry - Status of SPMAGTF-CR-AF and SPMAGTF CR-CC

Hi,

Chad Garland here with Stars and Stripes. I'm hoping to confirm whether the SPMAGTF-CR-AF and SPMAGTF-CR-CC rotations have been shut down, or if there have been any changes to those rotations or what they're being called.

Maybe this is well known and I've just missed the news, but I was speaking to a Marine in East Africa the other day who told me that the two crisis response SPMAGTFs that had been covering parts of Africa (the one in Moron, Spain and the one in CENTCOM) have stood down or changed designations. However, I can't seem to find any public releases related to flag casings or redesignations, or an end to the rotations. I'm reluctant to take scuttlebutt at face value, but I'm also not seeing any tweets from @SPMAGTF_CR_CC since the end of FY20 and I can't seem to find any recent press products about SPMAGTF-CR-AF (including anything announcing a redesignation, RIP, etc.) in more than a year.

I did see this about the North and West Africa Response Force now based at Moron (https://www.iimef.marines.mil/News/News_Article/Article/2558811/marine-aviation-support-to-africom-crisis-response-force-changes-hands/), but it does not mention the SPMAGTF. And I know there were reports this summer that the Marine Corps would be ending SPMAGTF-Southern Command rotations, but that did not address the AFRICOM and CENTCOM versions.

Any help you can provide would be great. I'm looking to push out a story about Marines in Africa tomorrow afternoon, so this would be ideal for that.

Thanks,

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